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SUBJECT: FISHING LIMITS DISPUTE: GOI LETTER TO NATO

REF: US NATO 3023

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED JUNE 23 ON LETTER SENT BY GOI TO
NATO. FOLLOWING IS TEXT AS SUPPLIED BY MFA. TEXT NOT PUBLISHED
LOCALLY. QUOTE DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL, AFTER REPORTING
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TO MY GOVERNMENT ON MY RETURN FROM THE MINISTERIAL MEETING IN COPENHAGEN I HAVE TO INFORM YOU OF MY GOVERNMENT' S SERIOUS DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE FACT THAT NATO HAS NOT SO FAR BEEN ABLE TO PERSUADE THE BRITISH TO HAVE THEIR WARSHIPS LEAVE THE ICELANDIC FISHERIES JURISDICTION. I AM CONVINCED THAT YOU PERSONALLY HAVE BEEN DOING YOUR UTMOST TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM AND THAT YOU ARE WELL AWARE OF THE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES WHICH MAY RESULT FROM THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF THE ROYAL NAVY IN ICELANDIC WATERS. I WISH TO IMPRESS ON YOU THAT THE PATIENCE OF MY GOVERNMENT IS FAST RUNNING OUT AND REPEAT THE REQUEST THAT ALL AVAILABLE MEASURES BE TAKEN FOR THE EARLY WITHDRAWAL OF THE BRITISH WARSHIPS. WITH EVERY DAY THAT PASSES WITHOUT THIS REQUEST BEING COMPLIED WITH MY CONVICTION GROWS THAT IT WILL BE ALMOST UNAVOIDABLE FOR US TO RESSESS OUR CONTINUED ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALLIANCE. SINCERELY YOUR, EINAR AGUSTSSON. UNQUOTE.

2. WITHOUT COMMENTING DIRECTLY ON LETTER, PEOPLE' S ALLIANCE NEWSPAPER THJODVILJINN PRINTED REPORTS FROM BRITISH PAPERS PURPORTING TO SHOW THAT BRITISH BELIEVE LACK OF ACTION BY NATO INDICATES NATO FAVORABLE TO THEIR CAUSE. THJODVILJINN THEN URGED TIME LIMIT BE SET WITH GOI TO WITHDRAW FROM NATO IF NO ACTION TAKEN TO REMOVE BRITISH FROM 50- MILE ZONE WITHIN THAT TIME.

3. ACCORDING TO LOCAL RUMOR, PEOPLE' S ALLIANCE IS PRESSING CABINET STRONGLY FOR SUCH A TIME LIMIT AND RESULT MAY BE " COMPROMISE" UNDER WHICH GOI WILL RECALL NATO AMBASSADOR AND ANNOUNCE IT IS SUSPENDING ACTIVITIES THERE BUT WILL NOT FORMALLY RESIGN FROM NATO.
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